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INFO : TOKYO

FROM : 1 Embassy MOSCOW

DATE: November 2, 1962

SUBJECT : Colonel Miyoshi's Toast

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COMMENT: Colonel Miyoshi was only half joking.

For the Ambassador:

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